



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL GARY D. BROWN

Colonel Gary Brown is the staff judge advocate of the Combined Air Operations Center, Southwest Asia. He provides advice regarding the law of war, rules of engagement, and other international law issues for US and coalition air operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Col Brown was called to the Nebraska Bar in 1987 and he has since remained a member in good standing. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Air Force in November, 1988. Col Brown is married to Joan Culling Brown of Omaha, Nebraska. He and Joan have four sons, Edmund, Andrew, Thomas and Philip.

### EDUCATION:

1984 B.Sc., University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. (*magna cum laude*)  
1987 J.D., University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebr.  
1988 LL.M. (international law), Cambridge University, England  
1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (distinguished graduate)  
2000 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2005 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (academic distinction)

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1988 – September 1989, civil law attorney, 351st Strategic Missile Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri
2. September 1989 – October 1990, Chief, Adverse Actions, 100th Air Division, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri
3. October 1990 – June 1992, Claims Officer, 10th Tactical Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Alconbury, England
4. June 1992 – May 1993, Area Defense Counsel, RAF Alconbury and RAF Chicksands, England
5. May 1993 – May 1996, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 24th Wing, Howard Air Force Base, Republic of Panama
6. June 1996 – June 1997, Chief, General Law, Headquarters United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
7. June 1997 – July 1999, Chief, International and Operational Law, Headquarters United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

8. November 1998 – March 1999, Staff Judge Advocate, 363d Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
9. August 1999 – June 2000, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
10. July 2000 – July 2002, Staff Judge Advocate, 422d Air Base Squadron, Royal Air Force Croughton, England
11. July 2002 – July 2004, Staff Judge Advocate, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
12. July 2004 – June 2005, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
13. July 2005 – July 2006, Legal Advisor, Senior Official Inquiries Directorate, Air Force Inspector General's Office, Pentagon
14. July 2006 – June 2008, Senior Legal Advisor, Senior Official Inquiries Directorate, Air Force Inspector General's Office, Pentagon

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1994 24th Wing Company Grade Officer of the Year  
2001 Albert M. Kuhfeld Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

"Prisoner of War Parole," *Military Law Review* (1998)  
"Rethinking International Self Defense," *Naval Law Review* (1998) (coauthor)  
"The Case Redux," *The Reporter* (1998)  
"Cyberwarfare," *Military Review* (1999) (coauthor)  
"Proportionality and Just War," *Journal of Military Ethics* (2003)  
"A User's Guide to E-Mail," *JAG Magazine* (2008)

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Captain	29 May 1989
Major	1 October 1996
Lieutenant Colonel	1 February 2002
Colonel	1 April 2006

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